the MOU signing public sector enterprises have been delegated greater financial and administrative powers in areas like capital expenditure, wage settlements, incentive schemes, voluntary retirement schemes, transfer of Functional Directors etc.

Manufacture of polyester-based medical and industrial X-ray and graphic films

1495. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had constituted an expert Committee under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Director, General (Technical Development) to evaluate the claims of Garware Plastics and Polyester Limited to manufacture polyester-based medical and industrial X-ray and graphic films;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Committee set up by Government had not made any elaborate study and their members had no knowledge of the subjects, and if so, whether Government propose to appoint another Committee having knowledgeable people, and if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Proposals for setting up Industrial Units are got examined in the Government, as an internal exercise, by Committees such as Technical Evaluation Committee and officials who are experts in the line.

Government has, at present, no proposal to appoint any Committee.

Representation of Kerala in Coir Board

1496. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kerala is not proportionally represented in the Coir Board; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to give full representation to the State on the Coir board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Coir Board has been constituted as per the provisoins of Coir Industry Act, 1953 and Coir Industry Rules, 1954. Representation on the Board has been given to the categories specified in the said Act and Rules which do not provide for any State-wise representation. Apart from the Chairman, there are 23 Members on the Board, of whom 3 are elected by the Parliament, 5 represent various State Governments including Kerala and 3 represent Central Government Departments/organisations. Of the remaining 12, as many as 5 are from Kerala whereas 5 States together have got only 7 Members.

Natural Gas from Krishna-Godavari Basin for Power Generation in Andhra Pradesh

1497. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many million cubic metres of natural gas is produced in the Krishna-Godavari basin per day;

(b) how many million cubic metres of natural gas (MMCMD) has been earmraked by the Central Government for power generation by the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board;

(c) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to earmark the entire production of natural gas in the Krishna-Godavari basin for setting up fertilizer and power plants; and

(d) if so, what decision the Central Government have taken, on the request of Andhra Pradesh Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) About 0.07 MMCMD (million cubic metres per day) of natural gas is presently being produced in the Krishna-Godavari Basin to meet the requirement of industries.

(b) to (d) Requests have been received from Government of Andhra Pradesh for supply of natural gas for power plants and fertilizer production. A commitment of 0.4 MMCMD of gas has been made for APSEB's proposed power plant. A commitment in principle has also been made for the Nagarjuan Fertilizers Plant at Kakinada.

Committee to study the problems of LPG Consumers

1498. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government appointed any Committee to study the problems of LPG consumers in the past; if so, what were its terms of reference;

(b) whether the Committee submitted any report; if so, what were its recommendations and which of them have been accepted by Government; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken by Petroleum Corporations to train delivery boys of LPG cylinders; if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The Government had set up a Committee in August, 1986 under Smt. Sudha Joshi, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), to look into various aspects of the question of providing better service to LPG users in the country, with due regard to safety, and to give suitable suggestions in this regard;

(b) The report of the Committee has been received by the Government. The report has recommended, *inter alia*, review of the existing Marketing Discipline Guidelines keeping in view the complaints received from the customers in order to make them more effective, opening of Emergency Cells and Complaint Cells in all major LPG marketed towns, institutionalised training for mechanics and delivery boys of the distributors, regular inspection of the LPG equipment installed at customers' premises, etc. Most of the above recommendations of the Committee have since been accepted by the Government.

(c) The Oil Marketing Companies have made it obligatory on the part of the LPG distributors to train deliverymen at regular intervals in the various aspects of handling of LPG.

Ramagundam-Chandrapur high powers transmission line

1499. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the distance between Ramagundam and Chandrapur;